

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 24-30 and 33-39 were pending. Claims 1-24 and 33-35 are hereby canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 25-30 and 36-39 will be pending.

The claims were subjected to a restriction requirement. Specifically, the claims were restricted to the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 24 and 33-35, drawn to liquid detection using chemical properties.

Group II: Claims 25-30 and 36-39, drawn to liquid detection including indication.

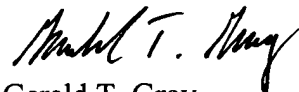
Applicants hereby elect Group II claims, specifically claims 25-30 and 36-39 for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 24 and 33-35 have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to pursue prosecution of the canceled Group I claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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